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# HAWK'S HERALD

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## Calling All Hot Girls! New scholarship circling the Island pokes fun at controversy, gains funds

By Chris Villano  
Contributing Writer

When it comes to scholarships, students have had a rough time trudging through the muck that has been raked on campus by the media these past few months.

So why would anyone want to hear about another minority scholarship that is originating at the now infamous RWU? The Rhode Island "Hot Only Scholarship" is now being offered here at RWU and throughout the Island.

And, no, this is not another publicity stunt by

the College Republicans (CRs). Rather, it was done to make light of the whole situation.

Co-creator Justin McGovern states, "This all started as a way to poke fun at the White's Only Scholarship. We felt that since the CR's did something that made so many

people angry, we would do something that people could laugh at and have fun with."

McGovern, a 20-year-old RWU sophomore visual arts major from Cranston, RI, and co-creator Blake Rogers, a mechanical engineering major at CCRI, also a 20-year-old sopho-

more from Cranston, assures students and media that this is no more than a "serious joke."

But the amount of publicity the scholarship has received is no laughing matter.

Not only has the Web

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Photo by: Danielle Ameden

Ryan Johnston and Kirsten Thomsen clean up Franklin Street.

## Keeping Bristol clean

By Danielle Ameden  
Contributing Writer

They found empty vodka bottles, apple cores, shattered glass, cigarette butts, trampled Styrofoam coffee cups, fast-food paper packaging, tires, a hub cap, a bag of Feline Pine cat litter, an Oriental rug and armfuls of other trash.

For three hours on Saturday, April 17, six RWU students braved tangles with thorny prickler bushes as they collected rubbish along Franklin

Street's roadside vegetation, sidewalks, and pavement. By noon, they had done their part to keep Bristol clean.

The students, four of which are members of the campus's Student Volunteer Association, teamed with local Bristol residents for the "Keep Bristol Clean" project. For sophomore Ryan Johnston, the motivation to participate was simple. "No one wants to live in a trash heap," he said. "So, I help clean up."

The students were satis-

fied after spending their Saturday morning beautifying the half-mile stretch to which they were assigned. Junior Kelly Morrissey, co-president of the SVA club, said "volunteering is rewarding in itself, because it makes us feel good."

The 16th annual event, organized by the town, was timed as a celebration of Earth Day on April 22. About 250 locals, including many Cub Scouts, volunteered for the morning and

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## Roommate Rivalry: Students skip fighting for the remote and focus on political squabbles

By Chris Villano  
Contributing Writer

Pete Doherty and James Behringer may share a bunk, but they do not rest in the same bed of ideals. Roommate's for over a year, these two can agree on almost anything, but when it comes to this year's election, they're adamantly opposed. A sophomore Graphic Design major from Stratford, Connecticut, Doherty feels he stands among the majority of college students with his liberal views. While Behringer, a sophomore Construction Management major from Wantagh, New York, believes in sticking with his family's long standing Republican traditions.

"Well it's not like I'm going to crawl into his bed at night and slit his democratic throat," says Behringer when asked about the tensions their opposing political views cause.

"It's true" says Doherty.

"We only get into an argument about it if we see something on TV or overhear something that will spark some political conversation, which always turns into a dispute between us. We're stubborn."

The biggest issue between the two is "the war on terror," which Doherty can't seem to say without a sarcastic tone.

"I'll make it simple for you" says Behringer, "F\*ck 'em."

"I'm from Long Island, I knew people who died in the 9/11 tragedy, it's time to get some payback"

Doherty responds with, "Payback against whom-regular citizens just trying to survive in their stupid desert country? We had no reason to go into war other than oil; we spread our troops way too thin to be effective in Afghanistan."

Doherty becomes more animated in proving his point to Behringer, "We had no good reason for war, we had discredited intelli-

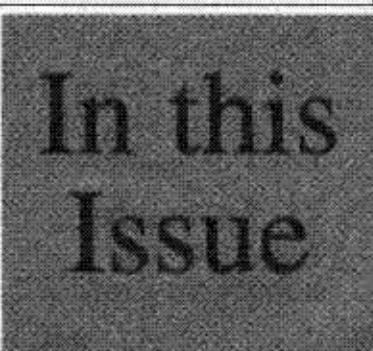
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# OPINION

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Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to the latest edition of the Hawk's Herald, specifically concerning the article concerning "Rate My Professor.com." First, I guess I should be somewhat flattered that my name appeared in a positive sense in that article. I sincerely am pleased that most of my students seem to "like" me. I will be more gratified, if someday at least some of them remember me as having been a positive influence during their individual educational experiences, and a positive role model for the "value" of life-long learning. Time will tell if I have been a "good" or a "bad" professor, and my popularity with students tells little beyond my popularity with students. Many professors are popular because they shorten class or cut several classes per term. Many professors are popular because they talk only about their lives, and never about the subject matter of the course. Many professors are popular, because they are simply likeable people and are in possession of dynamic personalities. Still other professors remain popular because they require that little to no effort be expended in their courses. Some professors magically possess each and every one of these characteristics!

So...what is the message of this letter: I do not intend to sell short those professors (of which I can only hope I am one) who are popular because they are good at what they do. The problem with "Rate My Professor.com" is that in having "placed" highly among my colleagues in this "popularity" contest, there is no evidence available as to "why" I placed highly. I am free to speculate that my high "standing" is because of my brilliance, while others can speculate that it's due to my caffeine driven energy level and generally upbeat disposition (I do know that it's not because I either cut class short or skip classes altogether...I can assure all readers of that).

Finally, as I reflect back upon my college years, my "best" professor taught me and influenced me in numerous positive ways, but I must confess, he was not that "likeable" a guy, nor was he my "friend." I truly love that most of my students "like" me, I would love even more if they felt that they "learn" from me...I don't know from "ratemyprofessor.com" whether or not they merely "like" me or whether or not they truly learn from me.

Again, I thank those students who rate me highly, and I believe (in my own mind) that they do so for the right reasons...but please don't think for a moment that I put any faith in this particular website as a means of judging who is doing the "best" teaching at RWU. There may or may not be any connection whatsoever between "scoring" well and teaching well. In essence, some professors are liked for the "right" reasons, and some are "liked" for purely non-academic reasons...this website doesn't separate us. All I'd ask is that we all be very clear on that, and that perhaps "ranking" our professors is less valuable than celebrating the differences that all students and all professors bring to this particular academic setting. Thanks.

Dr. Robert Engvall

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## Police Beat

### Arrests

4/16 at 12:46 a.m. Adam Cook, 20, of 18 Albion Road, Quincy, Mass., was arrested at Maple Hall by Bristol Police on a charge of possession of marijuana.

4/16 at 12:46 a.m. Michael Cook, 19, of 18 Albion Road, Quincy, Mass., was arrested at Maple Hall by Bristol Police on a charge of possession of marijuana.

4/17 at 2:51 a.m. Barret Platzner, 20, of 417 Metacom Ave. Bristol, R.I., was arrested at the corner of Rock and State Street by Bristol Police on a bench warrant issued from 6th District Court.

4/17 at 2:51 a.m. Matthew Arnold, 21, of 25 Darrow Ave. Warwick, R.I., was arrested at the corner of Rock and State Street by Bristol Police on an affidavit warrant.

### Summonses

4/14 at 4:00 p.m. Michael Abrahams, 19, of 8 Pinewood Road, Branford, Conn., was issued a summons at Mt. Hope Liquors by Bristol Police on a charge of possession of beverage by an underage person.

4/16 at 5:13 p.m. Nicholas Santini, 20, of 167 Roxbury Road, Garden City, N.Y., was issued a summons at Bristol Wine and Liquors by Bristol Police on a charge of possession of beverage by an underage person.

4/16 at 6:00 p.m. Taylor Henderson, 19, of 50 Southridge Court, Ridgefield, Conn., was issued a summons by Bristol police during a motor vehicle stop on Ferry Road. Henderson was charged with possession of beverage by an underage person.

### Great ball of fire

4/14 at 4:53 p.m. An unknown caller reported a vehicle fire on Lower Ferry Road.

### Just (tres) passing through

4/17 at 2:26 a.m. Public Safety advised Bristol Police of a trespasser by Cedar Hall and the Student Life building.

### The Full Monty

4/17 at 4:28 a.m. A caller advised Bristol Police of two male subjects streaking through the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot on Metacom Avenue.



# NEWS

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## Hot Girls

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site offering the scholarship has gotten more than 30,000 hits, it has also received coverage on FOX and ABC news. ABC referred to it as the "Hot Sexy Babe" Scholarship.

"We never said 'sexy babe,'" remarks McGovern. "Then, there was the professor from Brown University that FOX interviewed, I believe she was involved in women's studies of some sort. She said that this was worse than the CR's scholarship, and in poor taste as well as a non-joking matter."

McGovern finds this amusing and feels that some people just need to argue about things to make themselves feel good.

"To her and others that are like this all I have to say is, if you are offended then you either have no sense of humor or are ugly!"

This statement can also be viewed on the scholarship's Web site.

When something is created that is bound to offend someone, the creator must tread lightly on the mine-ridden land of what people find offensive. If the line is crossed, there is the risk of exposing something explosive.

However, no such backlash has occurred and it appears the student body has taken the scholarship in jest.

"So far it's been nothing but compliments and people saying how humorous they have found it. It's a big joke that has become an even bigger joke, even our

parents find it funny," says McGovern.

The majority of people seem to find this amusing. Spardello's Clothiers contributed to the growing fund, which originally came from McGovern's, Roger's and their friends' pockets. With Spardello's generous contribution, the award is now up to \$500.

So now the real question, what do all the "sexy babes" need to know before applying for this scholarship? First of all, the deadline is coming up: Wednesday, April 28 is the last day to send in applications.

An application doesn't consist of much, just proof the candidate is over the age of 18, attends a college or university in Rhode Island, has a GPA of 2.0 or higher, and submits a legitimate photograph along with a brief description of why you think you're 'hot.'

The total submissions to date can be counted on one hand, so hurry up and submit an application to [hottrischolarship@hotmail.com](mailto:hottrischolarship@hotmail.com).

Hey, you could win \$500 by doing basically nothing - except maybe taking a snapshot in that lace teddy your ex-boyfriend got you last Valentine's Day. Not to mention the title of "Smartest Hot Girl in Rhode Island."

And to think, people thought the Red Sox won all the bragging rights this April!

(For more information go to <http://www.hotscholarship.cjb.net>)

To the editor:

This letter I am writing to you is concerning Roger Williams University classes not being cancelled on Monday April 12, 2004, the day after Easter. It is absurd to think that more than one thousand students had to cut their Easter celebrations short with their families to make it back to school on Monday morning. I understand that this probably has happened in the past and there may have been arguments then, but I am bringing them about again.

For Christians, especially Catholics, of which I am one, Easter is the central focus of our faith. Easter is equally important to Christmas and you don't see people going back to school on December 26 do you? It is a time for celebration and for joy, and all of this should not be cut short. This can also be hard on the families as well. Now I am not trying to spark a religious debate by any means, I am merely using this as an example. How can parents expect to have a nice dinner with the family and then drive one, two, three, maybe even four hours each way to bring their son or daughter back to the University.

I also understand that Roger Williams University is not the only school to do this, but bringing about change should be a good thing. Another understanding I have is that Roger Williams is a non-denominational school, but if a poll were to be taken around campus, most students would probably say they were of some sort of Christian sect. I, along with many other students, are looking for an explanation from the school for why so many people had to travel on Easter Sunday.

Robert Gilmore

## Roommates

cont. from front

gence, we didn't know about any weapons."

Behringer replies with "All I know is that I saw Colin Powell go on national television and show some weird looking map of weapons bunkers and active biological and chemical weapons, that's enough for me to believe in bombing the Christ out of Iraq!"

Both roommates have specific views outside the war they feel strongly about, and upon discussing these, the interview quickly changes into a fiery debate.

"What he (James) doesn't understand is that pretty soon the government is going to be knocking at his door asking him to fight," says Doherty.

"Bush and his administration quietly introduced an amendment into Congress a year ago called the Universal service act of 2003. If Bush is re-elected then males and females 18-26 will be drafted for more ill-prepared wars." Once again Dougherty becomes more heated, continuing with the draft issue, "Bush made changes to the draft amendment making it so



Photo by Chris Villano

Juniors Pete Doherty and James Behringer share a room and opposing political views.

that adults in college will have to leave there schooling immediately, and no one without dual citizenship will be allowed to move to Canada to escape the draft."

At the split second Doherty finishes, Behringer chimes in with "you dirty draft dodger!"

The quarrel continues with Doherty firing back, "yeah, like you know what it's like to be drafted. Just you wait buddy. And since we're on the topic of draft dodging, Bush is one himself. I refuse to vote for Bush, because young men and women will have their futures crushed and lives put in danger at the hands of a cabinet full of past draft dodgers."

Upon hearing this Behringer looks at the ground, laughs, and rewards his roommate's quick response with a "touché."

At this point Doherty feels he is winning the debate and in full confidence of his roommate's ignorance on the topic, he asks him this question. "Tell me one good thing Bush is doing, outside your belief that war is good."

Behringer's face lights up at the opportunity to refute his roommate's belief that he is an "ignorant republican."

"He's pumping like a billion dollars into NASA, which people are bitching about," he says, pausing

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## Law Day 2004

**Wednesday April 28th 2:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Careers in the Law Panel to be followed by a**  
**Mock Trial Demonstration, which will be**  
**judged by Judge Melanie Thunberg.**  
**Transportation to be provided -**  
**shuttle will leave from the**  
**shuttle stop promptly at 2pm.**  
**Refreshments will be served.**  
**Sponsored by Mock Trial at RWU**



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## Clean Up

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covered nearly all of Bristol. Found items were sorted into "trash," "recyclables" and "compost" bags before being picked up by the town's Department of Public Works and Da Ponte's Landscaping Services.

At the helm of the "Keep Bristol Clean" endeavor were residents Bob Holt and Eileen Manchester, who worked with many volunteers including members from the Dreadnaught Ladder Company. The fire station, on High and

Church Streets, became the facility for volunteers to organize and eat both breakfast and lunch.

Manchester says that RWU participation in the event is very much appreciated. She believes that it also helps to better students' reputations in the community. RWU, she affirms, "is not just a party school." Each year she meets responsible, hard-working students who dissolve the negative college-student stereotypes.

SVA co-president Sarah Blomberg, a junior, says that the involvement fosters the good relationship between the university



Photos by Danielle Ameden

Ryan Johnston and Kirsten Thomsen work to pick up tree branches, while Sarah Blomberg (back right) and Kelly Morrissey help clean up.



Ryan carries a worn out Oriental rug down Franklin Street in Bristol.

and the local community. "We want to contribute to Bristol and to help develop the connection," she says.

All RWU students are required to complete at least five hours of Service Learning before graduation. KC Ferrara, service learning coordinator, says students have logged nearly 15,000 hours of service this school year. Many of these hours come from students who earn their work-study at local

non-profit organizations like the Bristol Good Neighbors Soup Kitchen, the Bristol Animal Shelter, or Coggeshall Farm Museum.

Service learning isn't "just about the requirement," Ferrara says. "It's learning about the community that's yours for the next few years, about challenging yourself, and finding a way to make a positive contribution."

The Student Volunteer

Association, advised by Ferrara, participates in many local good-will activities and organizes projects such as the Thanksgiving Turkey Basket contest, Christmastime's "The Giving Tree," and the upcoming "Give-a-Gown" exchange.

The club meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Marine and Natural Science building's conference room and always welcomes new members.

## RWU student running for Rhode Island State Representative

By Meghan Rothschild and Meghan McGrath

Contributing Writers

Adam Maust, junior political science major at Roger Williams University, announced April 13 that he is running for state representative for District 69, in Rhode Island, for the fall 2004 election.

Maust, who has decided to run as Democrat, plans to focus more on representation by the youth in the Bristol community. As founder and CEO of C.H.A.S.E. the Vote (Creating Hope Among Students Everywhere), a youth voter initiative corporation, Maust is doing many things to get the

youth more involved. He is currently working on establishing voting booths on campus for the 2004 presidential election, as well as registering students to vote. The group is also planning a festival in the fall in hopes of raising political awareness.

Along with partaking in Model United Nations for three years, Maust is a Residence Assistant and Orientation Advisor at RWU. Some may remember him as the first Mr. RWU or through

his work with Habitat for Humanity and the Israel and Palestine Land for

Peace Core Research.

Maust, who enjoys the Bristol community, emphasizes his new, positive ideas. "My campaign really focuses on keeping the town's past intact while ensuring the new generation will take care of it," Maust explained.

Envisioning his future here, Maust is doing many things this summer in Bristol, such as organizing and coaching a Little League team. In addition, he will be

knocking on doors to get to familiarize himself with the community, fundraise for his campaign, and attend community meetings to better understand citizen concerns.

"I see myself doing a lot for this town, especially when it comes to linking different generations and their ideas, to accommodate everyone's needs and ideas," he says.

Maust was nominated by the university student body as junior class president. He is also a former student senator and has been appointed to the Commission of Civil Discourse by RWU President Roy J. Nirschel.



Photo by Allisyn Deyo

Junoir Adam Maust, pictured above, announced he is running for the Democratic state Representative in District 69 in Rhode Island.



# CAMPUS LIFE

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## Bravo for Bolstridge

By Jennifer Palouliau  
Contributing Writer

The Barn was full of students and visitors who came to see a stellar play put on by Roger Williams University students.

"This is what I've worked four years toward!" senior Jill Bolstridge said excitedly minutes before the show, *Talley's Folly* started. Bolstridge, director of the play, chose Lanford Wilson's script as her senior thesis; an opportunity for her to stretch her creativity

iliously balancing on the stage in a pair of 1940's ice skates and repeating his lines at super speed to catch up the "late comers".

Ashley Cowan, a junior double major in theater and communications from Avon, Conn., played the other lead, Sally Talley. A small-town girl and the object of Friedman's desire, she reluctantly avoids his advances until she finally admits her true feelings.

The spotlight couldn't outshine Cowan with her honest facial expressions

designers and crew with the exception of one minor mishap dying Collin's hair. The part called for Dave's blonde hair to be altered brown, but looked rather orange on first try. Luckily, there was enough time planned to fix the color crisis and Collins appeared onstage looking like a natural-born brunette.

The most impressive part of the play was the dedication of both actors and director, who sacrificed their spring break to rehearse seven hours a day to be ready for the show's

*English professor James Tackach sat in the audience to see his honor student Bolstridge's production, which he reviewed as "Fabulous. It brought a tear to my eye."*

as director. *Talley's Folly* appeared crowds on March 26 and 27.

Dave Collins, a junior theater major from Norwood, Mass., played lead man Matt Friedman, a Jewish accountant in love with Sally Talley. Hiding from his past and afraid of the future, Friedman fights his internal urges to tell Sally how he feels.

"This was my most challenging role ever," Collins said after the performance. Many were impressed by Collins' comedic antics, per-

and graceful style in her vibrant teal polka-dotted dress.

Lanford Wilson, the writer of *Talley's Folly*, won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1980.

*Talley's Folly* has become the most popular of the three-part series, running 227 times on Broadway since its first performance in February 1980.

Bolstridge is a double major in theater and English literature. She was outwardly elated with her collaborative team of

opening night.

"It took one month to finish, one week for auditions and three weeks of rehearsal," Bolstridge said.

English professor James Tackach sat in the audience to see his honor student Bolstridge's production, which he reviewed as "Fabulous. It brought a tear to my eye."

Bolstridge, Collins and Cowan will be performing again at The Barn in the upcoming production: *South Pacific* (April 29, 30 & May 1 at 8:00 p.m.)

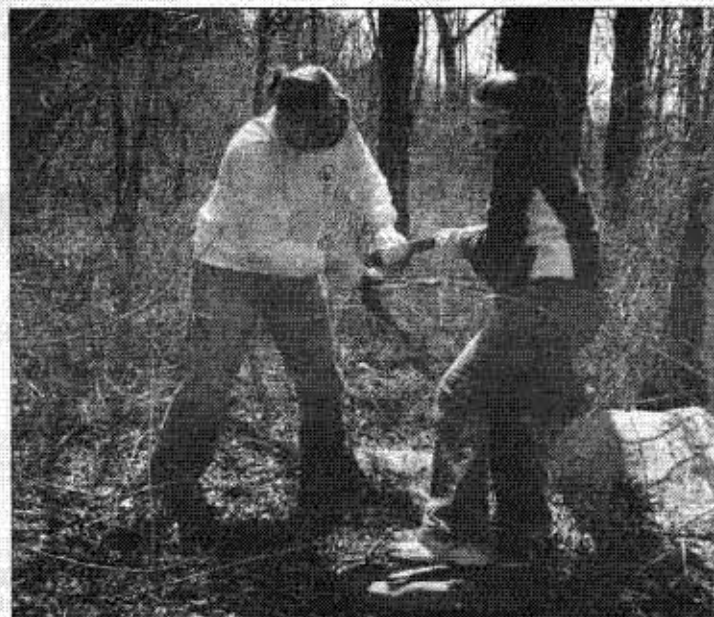


Photo by Danielle Ameden

Sarah Blomberg and Kelly Morrissey, seen above during Bristol Clean Up, took part in the first-annual "Student Stand Up for Red Cross" day.

## Student Volunteer Association takes part in school fundraiser for RI Red Cross

On Wednesday, March 31, 2004, Sarah Blomberg and Kelly Morrissey, co-presidents of Roger Williams University Student Volunteer Association took part in the first-annual "Students Stand Up for Red Cross Day", a statewide program to support RI Red Cross programs and services. For this event, held on the last day of Red Cross Month, students from schools throughout Rhode Island showed their support for the Red Cross by wearing red, holding various fundraisers, and learning about the programs and services of the RI Red Cross.

In total, 33 schools participated in this statewide event which, to date, has raised over \$4,300. By using a combination of door-to-door collections and donation canisters in their student union and recreation center, the RWU Student Volunteer Association was able to contribute \$309.15 to help Rhode Islanders in crisis.

"We are extremely grateful to Roger Williams University's Student

Volunteer Association for their efforts," said Robin Erickson, Director of Communications for the Rhode Island Red Cross. "The support and initiative of college students is always appreciated and brings a great sense of community to this state."

"The Red Cross is a good organization and it seemed like a good way to get involved," stated Blomberg. "The students were very eager to help the Red Cross and we raised a lot more than we expected."

"Generally, all the students wanted to donate and support a good cause," added Morrissey.

The RI Red Cross typically spends \$1,000 per family of four that it assists. All RI Red Cross assistance is free, thanks to contributions from individuals and organizations. The RI Red Cross is not a government agency and relies on private donations to provide emergency assistance to Rhode Islanders in crisis.

Visit [www.riredcross.org](http://www.riredcross.org) for more information and to find out how you can help.

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mid-response only to shoot a smug grin at Doherty, "but people fail to realize that on average in the past, every dollar put into NASA comes back about five-fold through the advent of technology for space and exploration purposes, which have then made their way into modern life."

Perplexed, Doherty asks, "Like what?"

"Like microwaves, food preservation, cell phones, and TV," responds Behringer.



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## Concluding stories from the physics teacher who lives on a farm

By Mark Walerysiak  
Staff Writer

*Editor's Note:  
This is the conclusion of the  
two-part series on Physics  
Professor Richard Heavers.*

Heavers starts, "It was my senior year (of high school) in late March or early April. So my mother asked me what I was going to do next year. I said I didn't know, so she asked what my good friend Phil was going to do. 'Well, he's going to RPI' (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute). Then she said, 'Why don't you go over there and talk to them?'"

"So one Saturday morning she sent me over there to talk to them, which was just a long walk from the house. I went to the Admissions office, and I knew where all the buildings were because I used to climb on them in high school and the cops used to kick us out.

"So I got to this big imposing building, opened the door, and the only person there was the director of admissions. I told him I might like to go to college there, so he brought me in, sat me down, and asked about my grades. Then he swore in reference to the kind of guidance I got in high school."

Heavers was given an application. Being that it was so late in the year he had missed all the application deadlines. "People already knew where they were going to school." So the director of admissions told Heavers that he should apply for the New York Scholarship to receive adequate financial aid. Sure enough, Heavers won it, was awarded money from RPI, and attended there. Heavers says RPI was a very good school and during that period going there was "big time."

The last summer before college Heavers worked on a vegetable farm, and eventually landed a job in the RPI Physics department to make enough money to get through school. His parents never saw one bill from RPI. With help from the scholarship and financial aid, Heavers paid the difference.

Heavers' love of nature and the earth's nuances was always a major part of his zeal. "I really wanted to be a farmer and I would have gone to Cornell. I just didn't know how to make it happen so I went next door (RPI). In my high school yearbook I said I wanted to be a farmer."

RPI was known for engineering, Heavers says. "I didn't know what engineers did and was going with biology, though physics was more challenging so I did that."

just a law, It's a Good Idea."

Heavers is also known for his eccentric behavior. He tells one story of how years ago he purchased a 1950 Plymouth for \$59, took it to go hiking on the Continental Divide, at a 13,000-foot altitude, alone.

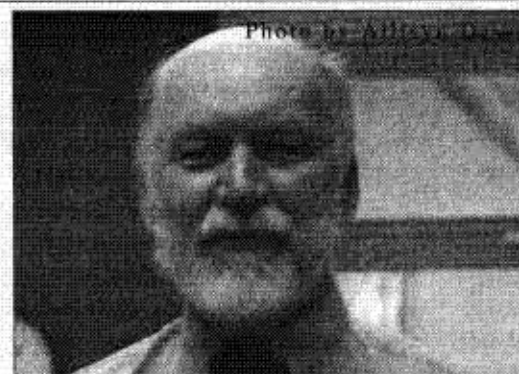
After graduating from college, Heavers went to work in engineering but could not stand it. He then worked for the Navy as a civilian employee and studied the ocean taking "water parameters." This experience landing him in numerous locations around the world such as the Philippines, Korea and Japan.

"I went around the world a couple of times," says Heavers. "Last summer I was hiking on glaciers, and camping on the tundra in Alaska."

me these huge beets from his garden. He gives a number of faculty vegetables.

"Two summers ago," Tackach begins. "It was a hot summer, and I mean hot. So he called me up once, in the middle of July, and asked me 'Gee, you like hiking, outdoors, exercise. Maybe you can give me a hand with something next week.' He was getting hay delivered and we had to stack the hay."

Tackach impersonates Heavers, "My sons aren't around, my wife is, but we could always use an extra hand." So I said 'Yeah sure, I'll be there at eight a.m.' I didn't expect what I was getting. This trailer-truck pulled in as I was pulling in—it was as long as it is to



apple crisp. It was a pure experience."

Amanda Bubier, a junior Biology major, currently has Heavers for her physics class. She says, "He is a physics teacher who lives on a farm, he's a cool guy, he's funny. I like him as a teacher. I think about everyone likes him. He says we shouldn't drink Coke, it's poison. He says we will all have diabetes by the time we're 40," she says with a laugh.

Heavers is well respected throughout the University. Professor of Philosophy Bob Blackburn says he has a class sandwiched right between two of Heavers' classes in the same room.

Heavers uses much of the blackboard space and asked Blackburn kindly if he thought he could preserve it. Blackburn joked

*"So this [trailer-truck] came with all this hay from Canada, and it's heavy... We're in the barn and I'm sneezing. Two hours later we decide to take a break to catch rest and hydrate. I said to the guy in the truck, 'How many bails left?' and he said 'bout 500.' I'll never forget it."*

While sitting six feet away in the visitor's chair of his office, the word "Physics" is visible in every title of Heavers' 45 thick, hardcover texts. That does not count the ones with illegibly small print, or the books stacked sideways on the entire shelf. Heavers seems as though he conquered much of the world of Physics. There is a black-and-white printout hanging on his door of two RWU graduates standing with Heavers. Above the picture and written in baby blue highlighter reads the header, "2/16/98 Survivors of Physics 202 + 202L." Among other papers taped on his door are humorous cartoon drawings done by students of Heavers, a sign saying "Why don't sheep shrink when it rains," which is a reference to the sheep that Heavers raises on his farm, and another saying "Gravity = Is not

Heavers may have more stories than can fit in a reasonably sized novel. "One time I was off on a boat and I wanted to go swimming—swam off the ship, and almost got eaten by a shark." Luckily, one of the crewmembers caught sight of the mammoth shark and warned of its proximity. "I got a lot more close calls," Heavers says.

After Heavers was done with the Navy, he came to Rhode Island and attempted to set up a subsistence farm, where one grows one's own food. Heavers purchased a 160-acre farm where he cleared fields and built barns. He has been farming ever since.

Dr. Trimbach says, "Every week FDC had a meeting on Friday. Heavers brought a brown paper bag with some artifact that he thought would interest us, and it did. He's a fun guy. He gave

Providence. So this thing came with all this hay from Canada, and it's heavy. If you're a baseball fan you'll remember this number—714. That's how many home runs Babe Ruth hit, and we had to unload 714 bails of hay. We're in the barn and I'm sneezing. Two hours later we decide to take a break to catch rest and hydrate. I said to the guy in the truck, 'How many bails left?' and he said 'bout 500.' I'll never forget it."

Tackach asked Heavers' wife if she would like to live in a condo, with a swimming pool and Tackach says, "she replied 'maybe on days like this,' but she loves it.

"I once had a meal there. Other than the beer we were drinking that I brought, everything was from that farm. Lamb Kabobs with vegetables, salad, corn on the cob, and

with Heavers about erasing the board for his own class and adds with a laugh, "He's a great guy."

Joan Romano, a secretary in the College of Arts and Sciences building says of Heavers, "He is awesome. I could talk to him for hours about the stars, about anything."

Dispelling any rumors, Dr. Tackach says, "He has electricity, running water, even a dishwasher. He has a toilet, not an outhouse. He has a tractor, and doesn't plow with a horse."

Valorie Catalano, a secretary in MNS, says, "Over the years I've heard nothing but great things about him. When his garden's growing he'll bring us turnips, butternut squash, and a tomato every day. I appreciate how he demonstrates physics. Instead of books he uses so much paraphernalia that students can see it."



# CAMPUS LIFE

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## Be Amused: UK band rocks The Strand

By Jason Turcotte  
Co-Editor

From the opening guitar riff to the final encore, alternative rock band Muse, dazzled fans with an adrenaline-driven show on behalf of a brief tour stop in the U.S.; their first time touring the states since promoting their debut album *Showbiz* in 1999.

The three-man band opened their April 16 show at The Strand with an assault of high-energy tracks. For many their relentless guitar grooves were sheer bliss. The British band was sure to play prior fan favorites such as "muscle museum,"

while promoting songs from their sophomore major label set, *Absolution*, released last month.

Muse, often described as a harder Radiohead, proved great creative range with songs such as the hypnotic "sunburn," a feast of piano and guitar always leaving fans hungry for more. Front man Brian Molko's voice emulates from the stage like an unharnessed Jeff Buckley, a shaky-yet dramatic vocal effort.

In promotion of their new album, Muse ambitiously performed tracks, "butterflies and hurricanes," "apocalypse please (the first of a two-track encore)" and their first single "Time is running out," a

track quickly earning airplay on alt. rock stations like 95.5 WBRU, which sponsored the show in part of its \$5.95 "Cheap Date Series."

Despite a whirlwind of energy and perfection, the band had to keep its set list short, tallying just 75 minutes. Due to renovations at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel and its Met Café, concerts have been temporarily relocated to The Strand on Washington St., in Providence. For shows falling on Thursday-Saturday, acts must wrap up by 10:30 p.m. for the facility to open its doors as a dance club.

For a pace of rock grooves unlike any other, pick up either of Muse's

two albums. The band is effectively pounding, mesmerizing and moving in a single shot. *Sunburn* and *Absolution* are 'must haves' in any alt. music enthusiast's collection. As for experiencing the band live, that may have to wait until their third mainstream album, as Muse returns to Europe for the latter half of their world tour.



## Center for Macro Development and Diplomacy focuses on the West Bank

By Chris Nirschel  
Contributing Writer

Roger Williams University was the host on April 15 and 16 for the Center for Macro Projects and Diplomacy, where many prestigious business leaders, investors, scholars and engineers along with RWU staff and students attended. This conference, held in the Ralph Pepitto School of Law, focused on proposals to end the bloodshed and create peace between Israel and Palestine.

The conference was held by Dr. Roy J. Nirschel, School of Architecture Dean Stephen White, and Frank P. Davidson, an engineer who helped plan the tunnel across the English Channel. These leaders expressed innovative ideas that have been covered in the media, including the Providence Journal and Fox News.

This is the first time at RWU that a global idea to this magnitude has been proposed. Dr. Nirschel

feels that this 'powerful community of thinkers' will create ideas that can eventually be put into actions.

There have been many worldwide proposals to split the land between Israelis and Palestinians but never an idea to create new land.

"Everybody's talking about divvying up the



existing pie... Maybe we need to make the pie larger," Dr. Nirschel said.

Accomplishing this would be difficult but not impossible. The plan calls for parts of the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Israel to be filled, and as a result new islands could be created for settlement. This difficult and long-term goal has never

been proposed for Israel and Palestine but has been done on a larger scale in the Netherlands and Hong Kong.

If man-made islands were created, causeways would connect to the mainland and each port could be populated by up to 60,000 people. The conference at RWU discussed this idea and talked about the next steps necessary for future success. These steps include substantial financial backing, along with an established political support in these countries.

The recent two days of the conferences are just the beginning for this idea. The group plans to meet annually to expand on this project as well as discuss different global problems that are without a working solution.

The Center creates new hope in peace while 'learning to bridge the world'. Projects this innovative and articulate are what make the impossible become a reality.

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This 2003-2004 Senate wants to thank all the candidates for running, and congratulates next year's officers.

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# SPORTS

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## That time of year again: Yankees vs. Red Sox

By Alex DaLuz  
Contributing Writer

The beautiful thing about Roger Williams University is the diversity amongst baseball fans. It is that time of year again. The time that the campus Yankees fans start running their mouths about the last time the Red Sox won the World Series. The time where Red Sox fans claim that this will finally be the year the curse is broken.

Both teams started off with a strikeout when the Yankees bowed down to American League East cellar dwellers Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the Major League Baseball opener in Tokyo. The Red Sox dropped their season opener in Baltimore, as the Orioles were fortunate to get out of many innings via the double play ball.

Although it is early, the trash talking is in mid-season form. One of the most dedicated Red Sox fans

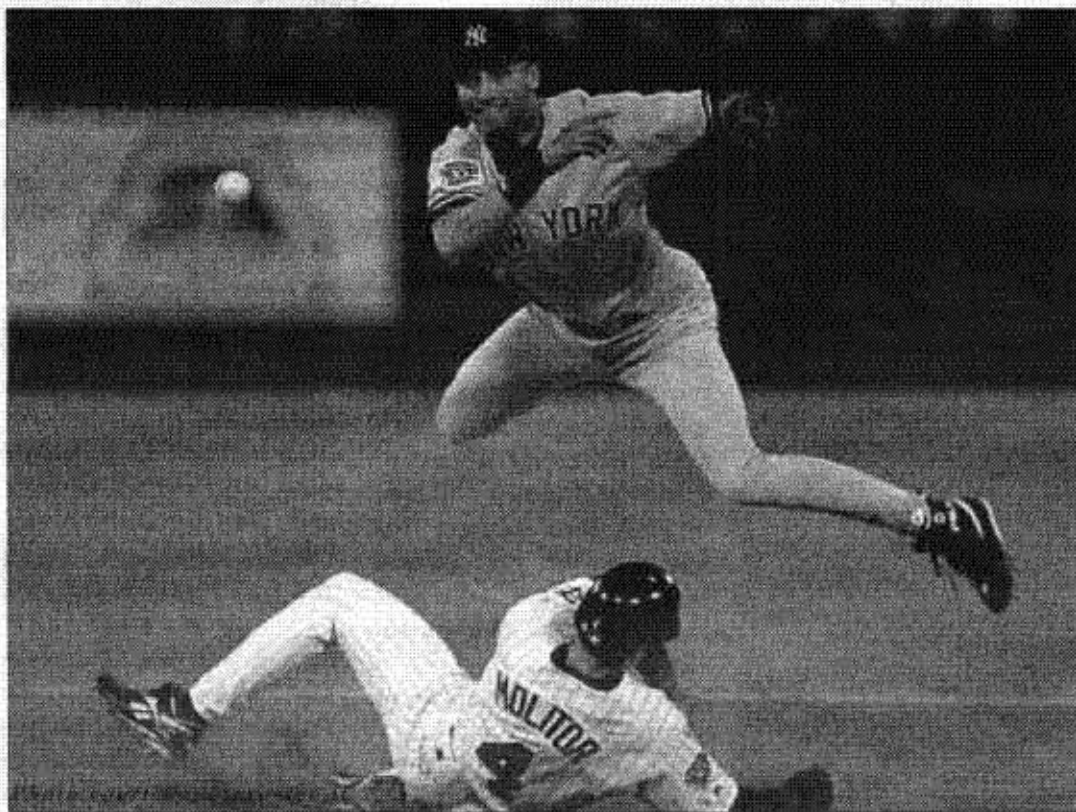
that I have met here, sophomore Scott Richards, has very strong feelings of animosity towards most Yankees fans.

"I don't particularly like Yankees fans because to me they are not real fans," states Richards. "My friends that are Yankees fans were quick to tease me about the Red Sox loss to the Orioles, but I know that Red Sox fans wouldn't make comments about the Yankees opening day loss to the Devil Rays."

Richards continued to say, "Yankee fans are also hypocrites. They say that Sox fans rant about how the Yankees suck all the time, but then they go and talk about how much the Sox suck."

Coming to the defense of those who wear the pin strips, Evan Schlem, a sophomore, is a very loyal Yankees fan. He carries the same sentiment that Richards does as far as dislike towards his rival.

"When it comes down

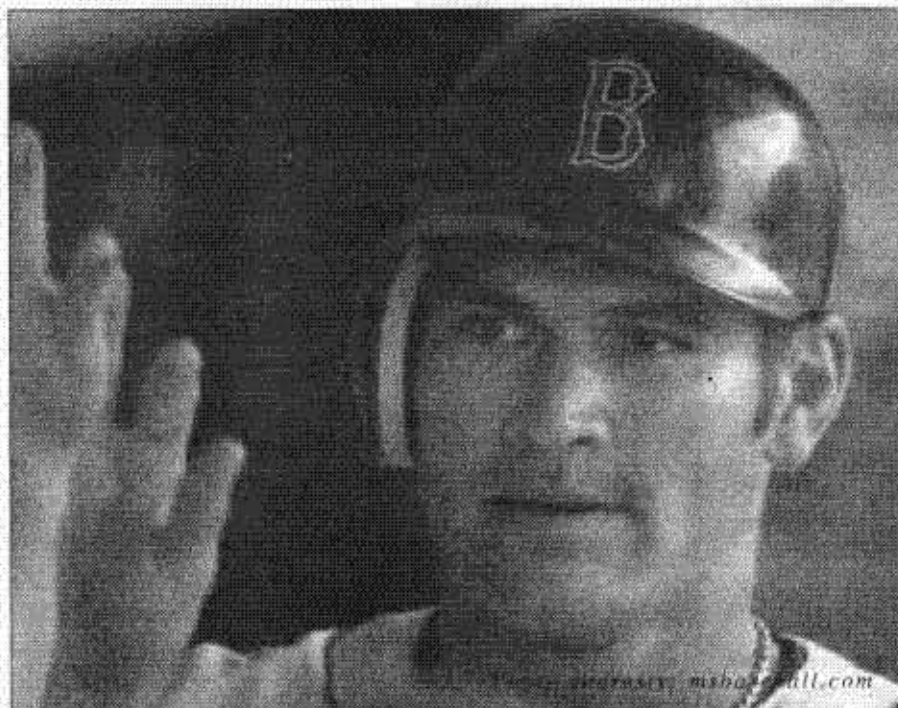


to it, the Red Sox suck under pressure," Schlem bluntly states. "Their fans are just ignorant when they make fun of the Yankees. Most of the Sox fans are just jealous and don't know what else to do besides call Jeter gay. I

think that the Red Sox should have won that seventh game last year, but like previous Red Sox teams, they choked."

This is reason number 683 why I love attending RWU. The innocent debate over these two MLB power-

houses: Students engaging in heated disputes over the first week of the regular baseball season is positive for this campus. I, for one, am looking forward to the next six months of Major League Baseball and the buzz it creates here.



### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 27: Dance Club Show, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28: SAAHP Lecture 6 p.m. CAS 157

Thursday, April 29: Expression Session, 10 p.m.

Friday, April 30: Commencement Ball,  
Hyatt Regency in Newport, R.I.

Saturday, May 1: Selta Sigma Pi Relay for Life

Sunday, May 2: Senate Recognition Banquet

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